

Appn. No. 10/712,700

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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

After entering this amendment, claims 2 – 7, 9 and 10 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The undersigned acknowledges the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 9 and 10. It is further acknowledged that claims 2 – 6 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim or any intervening claims.

Claim Amendments

Claims 2 – 6 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 10. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally, claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 10 and to more clearly specify that a "separate heating heat exchanger of the engine cooling system" is provided within the ventilation system.

Since claims 2-7 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 10, which has been indicated as being allowable, it is submitted that these claims are likewise allowable.



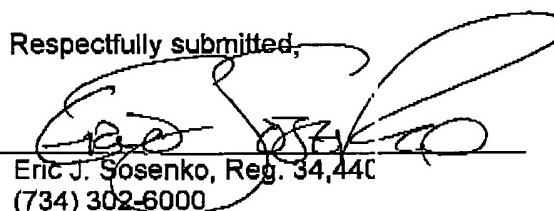
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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